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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF CLIFFORD MISSION IN ANKARA AND NICOSIA

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1. CLARK CLIFFORD REQUESTS THAT YOU ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS AND/OR FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS TO CONVEY INITIAL IMPRESSIONS OF CLIFFORD MISSION'S ANKARA AND NICOSIA VISITS.

2. YOU SHOULD BEGIN PRESENTATION BY INDICATING THAT CLIFFORD MISSION BELIEVES ITS DISCUSSIONS IN ANKARA AND NICOSIA WERE EXTREMELY USEFUL AND BUILT UPON POSITIVE RESULTS OF TALKS IN ATHENS.

3. IN ANKARA, CLIFFORD DISCUSSED AT GREAT LENGTH CARAMANLIS' CONCERNS ABOUT SPECIFIC AEGEAN ISSUES AND HIS PERCEPTIONS.
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TION OF TURKISH EXPANSIONIST POLICY. CLIFFORD EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE INCIDENTS IN THE AEGEAN AND SUGGESTED THAT ANY SUCH INCIDENTS WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT US-TURKISH RELATIONS. THIS PRESENTATION, WE BELIEVE, MAY HAVE A TENDENCY TO INHIBIT TURKISH ACTIVITY IN THE AEGEAN IN THE MONTHS AHEAD, THOUGH WE RECEIVED NO ASSURANCES TO THIS EFFECT.

4. TURKISH LEADERS STRONGLY DENIED ANY EXPANSIONIST AIMS AND DESCRIBED THEIR POSITIONS ON AEGEAN ISSUES IN GREAT DETAIL. TURKISH LEADERS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT CARAMANLIS IS A MODERATE LEADER WITH WHOM IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SETTLE OUTSTANDING GREEK-TURKISH PROBLEMS.

5. CLIFFORD AND HIS ASSOCIATES BELIEVE THAT THE SPECIFIC ISSUES IN THE AEGEAN ARE EXTREMELY COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT, THAT THE US DOES NOT NOW HAVE ALL THE FACTS, AND THAT IN ANY EVENT THE US SHOULD NOT SUPPORT ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER EXCEPT TO URGE SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES OR MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE THIRD-PARTY RESOLUTIONS. HOWEVER, THE GREEK REQUEST FOR A FURTHER LETTER WITH RESPECT TO THE AEGEAN, BUILDING UPON THAT SENT BY FORMER SECRETARY KISSINGER TO FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS IN 1976, AS WELL AS THE AVEROFF LETTER REQUESTING ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IN THE MILITARY SUPPLY FIELD, ARE NOW BEING STUDIED IN WASHINGTON

6. IN RESPONSE TO CLIFFORD'S PRESENTATION, THE TURKS VEHEMENTLY DENIED HAVING CREATED A LARGE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE ALONG THE AEGEAN. THEY INSISTED INSTEAD THAT THE ARMY WAS BASICALLY A PLANNING HEADQUARTERS TO WHICH SOME TRAINING UNITS HAD BEEN ASSIGNED. THE TURKS FURTHER CONSIDER THIS FORCE ESSENTIALLY DEFENSIVE IN NATURE, HAVING BEEN CREATED IN RESPONSE TO THE MILITARIZATION OF GREEK ISLANDS CONTRARY TO TREATY OBLIGATIONS.

7. SOME FORWARD STEPS WERE TAKEN IN ANKARA AND NICOSIA WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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RESPECT TO CYPRUS. BOTH THE TURKISH AND CYPRIOT GOVERNMENTS RECOGNIZE THAT MOVEMENT TOWARD A SOLUTION ON CYPRUS IS IN THEIR BEST INTERESTS AT THE PRESENT TIME. WE BELIEVE THAT BOTH THE GREEK CYPRIOTS AND THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS WILL GO TO THE MARCH 31 INTERCOMMUNAL MEETINGS IN VIENNA PREPARED TO DISCUSS SERIOUSLY AND ON A SUSTAINED BASIS THE TWO MAIN ISSUES OF TERRITORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT EACH SIDE WILL MAKE A CONCRETE PROPOSAL WHICH CAN THEN SERVE AS A BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. GREEK SUPPORT FOR FORTHCOMING AND SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS IN VIENNA WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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